

GRANT HIGH SCHOOL @ Marshall Campus

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

January 11, 2019

Did you know?

Hello Grant Community,

This week is finals week (see schedule below). We have a "skinny day"(all eight periods) on Tuesday so students can see all teachers the day before exams. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday there is exam make-up time/flex in the afternoon.

January 14-18 Schedule

Monday, January 14th	Regular B Day Schedule
Tuesday, January 15th	All 8 periods - "skinny day"
January 16th - 18th	1/16 - Periods 1, 2, 4 1/17 - Periods 5, 6, 8 1/18 - Periods 3 & 7

We are still trying to collect all of the student information forms that were distributed in the summer mailing. We are required to update these forms each year. If you have not returned the form yet, please drop it off at the main office. The information on the forms is used to generate all school communication as well as contact parents and caregivers in case of emergency.

Have a good week,

Carol

• <u>KATU "KIND IS BETTER" CAMPAIGN</u>

Grant Leadership students participated in the KATU "Kind is Better" Campaign recently. View the message below that is being shown on KATU.



• AUTHOR VISIT

Approximately 30 students attended an author visit in the Grant library last Friday during lunch.

Kiersten White is an American author of fiction for children and young adults. Her first book, *Paranormalcy*, was published by HarperCollins in 2009.

Thanks to Paige Battle, Librarian, for facilitating author visits for Grant students.



• <u>UNIFIED BASKETBALL SCHEDULE</u>

The Unified Basketball season is getting underway with the first game tomorrow at Roosevelt. We are looking forward to supporting these student-athletes. See the game schedule below. Home games are in bold.

Monday January 14th, 4pm @ Roosevelt Wednesday January 23rd, 5pm @ Forest Grove HS Wednesday January 30th, 3:30pm @ Grant v. Wilson Monday February 4th, 4pm @ Grant v. Glencoe HS Wednesday February 20th, 6pm - Grant @ Oregon City Monday February 25th, 4pm - @ Grant v. Cleveland

• <u>GRANT CONSTITUTION TEAM WINS REGIONAL TITLE</u>

Constitution team wins Regional title. First place in Division A.



• Grant Alumni Mural Restoration Project

The Alumni Association is raising funds to restore the murals in the Grant auditorium. They recently secured a commitment from the Leo Lester Browne Charitable Fund to match up to \$100,000. This offer is for a limited time only. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$200,000.

Visit <u>MuralRestoration@GrantHSPortland.org</u>

The murals were installed in 1932 and were donated by artist, Carl Hoeckner. They depict peace among those living in the Pacific Northwest and symbolize the aspirations of all. The artist donated the murals in memory of William T. Fletcher, the first principal of GHS, who died suddenly at the age of 53. Carl Hoeckner is an early 20th Century Chicago artist who taught at The Art Institute of Chicago.

You can donate to the restoration fund in the following ways:

- Send a check (tax deductible) to Grant Alumni Association, PO Box 13291, Portland, Oregon 97213-0291.
- Donations can be made via PayPal by visiting: <u>https://www.grantalumni.org/dues--</u> <u>donations.html</u>

Scroll down to the Fletcher Mural Restoration Fund button near the bottom of the page.

• Many companies will match contributions made by their employees. Check with your employer to see if you have a contribution matching plan.

• <u>WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT EVENT AT THE PIL HOLIDAY CLASSIC</u>

The recent PIL Holiday Classis Basketball Tournament included a breakfast for all participants focused on women's empowerment. Several guest speakers shared their stories of encouragement of success.

Here is a link to a recap of the event.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xIh1bH3YpK4

• <u>WINTER FORMAL DANCE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS</u>

Winter Formal Dance Volunteers needed - please consider signing up

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0C45ACA829A2FD0-winter

Join us for the "Fire & Ice" Winter Formal Dance on Fri. 2/1, from 7-10pm at the Leftbank Annex! Tickets: cost \$10 and will be sold Jan. 28th to Feb. 1st in the Main Hall.

(see the bulletin for more information)

• VANDALISM AT GRANT CONSTRUCTION SITE

In the summer of 2019, we will be moving back to the newly modernized Grant High School. Unfortunately, there have been recent incidents of vandalism and graffiti on the construction site and to newly remodeled portions of the building. Please report any information to the police or to the number below.



• <u>BOOSTER REBOOT!</u>

Let's Reboot Boosters for 2019!

Since 1978, parents have helped fund activities beyond the classroom including clubs, courses, sports, dance and more. Some of the extracurricular expenses include lift tickets for the Grant Ski Team, supplies for Grant Magazine, buses for field trips, and yarn for the Knitting Club.

Boosters isn't just about supporting athletics. They also support many of the activities that enrich the high school experience and give students opportunities to explore. These opportunities include National Honor Society, Nothing But Treble Choir, Band and of course, all athletic teams.

The Boosters need your help and are seeking interested parents to help support Grant students and staff.

Please consider attending a kickoff event at Culmination Brewing on January 24th at 6:30 p.m.

Culmination Brewing

2117 NE Oregon Street Portland, OR 97232 Thursday, Jan. 24, 6:30 p.m.

RSVP at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/reboot-grant-boosters-tickets-53660093785

Questions? Reach us here: grantboosters@gmail.com

Can't make it to the event but still want to help? Donate here! www.grantgives.com

• <u>PENNIES FOR PATIENTS FUNDRAISER</u>

We will be hosting our annual Pennies for Patients fundraiser to help the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society from January 7th to February 1st. Please encourage your students to donate with cash or change in designated boxes around the school in classrooms, offices, and the library. If you have any questions email <u>clubsghs@gmail.com</u>.

• <u>PTA</u>

Join us for the next PTA meeting on **Tuesday, February 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the library**.

The program begins with a short presentation/update by the Grant Principal, Dr. Carol Campbell. There will also be time for questions.

Consider joining the PTA and attending the monthly meetings. We have had a small core group of parents/guardians for the past several years and would very much like to expand the membership. If you are a new parent/guardian to Grant, PTA is a great way to get involved and meet other parents/guardians. *You can now join on <u>School Pay.</u>*

• <u>IMPROVEMENTS TO GRANT FIELDS</u>

The PPS Board of Directors has approved funding for an investigation and the creation of plans for upgrades to the Grant bowl area into a multi-use facility for soccer, lacrosse, softball, track and field, and football. The bond funded upgrades to the upper field area including a turfed multi-use field for soccer, lacrosse and baseball.

The process will include stakeholder meetings, discussion and recommendations to an architecture firm that will come up with a possible plan. Some of the improvements to be discussed include lights, bleachers, two HS softball fields, fencing, press box, concession stand, restrooms and storage. Since this part of the site is PPS Parks property, representatives from Portland Parks will also be involved in any planning and

recommendations. Funding for the improvements has not yet been determined. Stay tuned for additional information.

There is a section on the modernization website titled, "Grant Fields Update," with more information: https://www.pps.net/Page/474

• <u>THE SAFEOREGON TIP LINE</u>

In keeping with our commitment to student safety, last October PPS joined school districts across the state in using the SafeOregon Tip Line. We want to remind you about this important resource.

SafeOregon was funded by the Oregon Legislature as part of a statewide effort to improve school safety. It provides a secure means for anyone to anonymously report suspicious or imminently unsafe situations, such as threats of violence, fights, drugs and alcohol, weapons, bullying, harassment, intimidation or self-harm.

Anyone, from students to parents to community members, can access the system in a variety of ways, including:

- The "Report unsafe behavior" button found on every PPS school's website
- The <u>SafeOregon website</u>
- A live call/text (844-472-3367)
- An email to <u>tip@safeoregon.com</u>
- The mobile app that can be downloaded from your Smart Phone via iTunes or Google Play

Trained staff are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to respond.

Please be sure to share this information with your friends and family. Remind your students: **If you see or hear something, say something – immediately.**

• <u>GET CONNECTED TO GRANT VIA SOCIAL MEDIA</u>

There are several Grant High School Facebook pages. I manage a page that can be found at: **PPS Grant High School.** I post pictures and news related to events at the high school.

I also send information via Twitter at: @ccampbellGHS

<u>ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATION TOOL</u>

PPS has shifted family, student and staff communication to a new tool that gives schools the ability to send texts about emergencies, closures, delays and other important news. To receive text notifications, you must opt in to the service. <u>You opt in by texting YES</u> to 68453. Parents and students should confirm their cell numbers listed in the student information system. Staff should confirm their cell numbers are the "primary" number in

the PeopleSoft system. For more information about texting, go to <u>www.pps.net</u> and click on the "Mobile First" button.